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WHITECAPS KILL AND MAIM.

Commit Many Outrages at Homes of Negro Farmers in Missouri.

Special to The Chicago Record.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Jan. 2.—A gang of white men disguised as whitecaps visited a number of negroes last night, riddled their houses with bullets, wrecked their furniture, and gave five colored men notice to leave the county within twenty days or they be revisited, their homes burned and the occupants hanged.

The vicinity where the outrages occurred contains about twenty negro farmers who are tenants of wealthy residents of this city. They are peaceful, law-abiding, thrifty and prosperous. For this reason they have incurred the jealousy and hatred of white farmers who wish to supplant them. Two years ago whitecaps gave them considerable trouble.

Last night they first visited the home of Nelson Simpson. He was called to the door, and on his appearance was greeted with a shower of bullets. He fell mortally wounded and a 10-year-old girl was wounded in the shoulder. After all the doors and windows in the house were broken the rest of the family were notified to get out of the county inside of twenty days. Will Lee, another colored farmer, was next visited, and he received the same treatment and warning. Frank Nelson was awakened and the outlaws entered his home, smashing everything inside. Nelson was threatened with lynching if he remained in the vicinity at the expiration of twenty days. Two more negroes were recipients of visits by the whitecaps and given the usual notice.

The negroes are greatly alarmed over the reappearance of the whitecaps, and some are preparing to leave the county, while others are arming themselves, determined to remain and protect their homes and the lives of their families.

The sheriff has been notified of the outrages, but there is not the slightest clew to the identity of the members of the gang.

FIFTEEN NEGROES SHOT BY MOB OF WHITECAPS

Masked Tennesseeans Intercept Crowd of Merry-makers Returning From a Festival and Wound Four of Them Fatally.

Oct. 8 1901

[SPECIAL TO THE RECORD-HERALD.]

LEWISBURG, Tenn., Oct. 7.—Details of a wholesale shooting at Caney Springs, a small station a few miles from here, Saturday night, have just been brought in. A mob of whitecaps intercepted thirty-five negroes on their way home from a festival and shot fifteen of them, four of whom will die. One negro woman lost both eyes.

The shooting is the outgrowth of a number of petty thefts. Several of the negroes in the party were suspected, and as they approached a bridge in the woods the whitecaps halted them and demanded the name of each one. Several responded promptly and were permitted to pass on. One negro finally opened fire upon his inquisitors and immediately a deadly fusillade was poured into the party. The negroes who were able to run fled at once, leaving the wounded lying where they fell. The whitecappers carried their wounded to buggies and hastily departed.

Crime — 1900.

SENTENCED TO DIE APRIL 12.

Negro Who Killed Patrolman Shipp in Cleveland to Be Electrocuted.

[*By The Associated Press.*]

Cleveland, O., Dec. 22.—Judge Neff in the Criminal court to-day sentenced Edward Rutheven, colored, to be electrocuted April 12, 1901, for the murder of Patrolman Shipp.

Shipp discovered the negro in the act of burglarizing a residence and tried to arrest him. Rutheven killed the policeman and escaped. He was captured at Indianapolis. The trial attracted widespread attention owing to the fact that Rutheven was confined in an iron cage while he was in court